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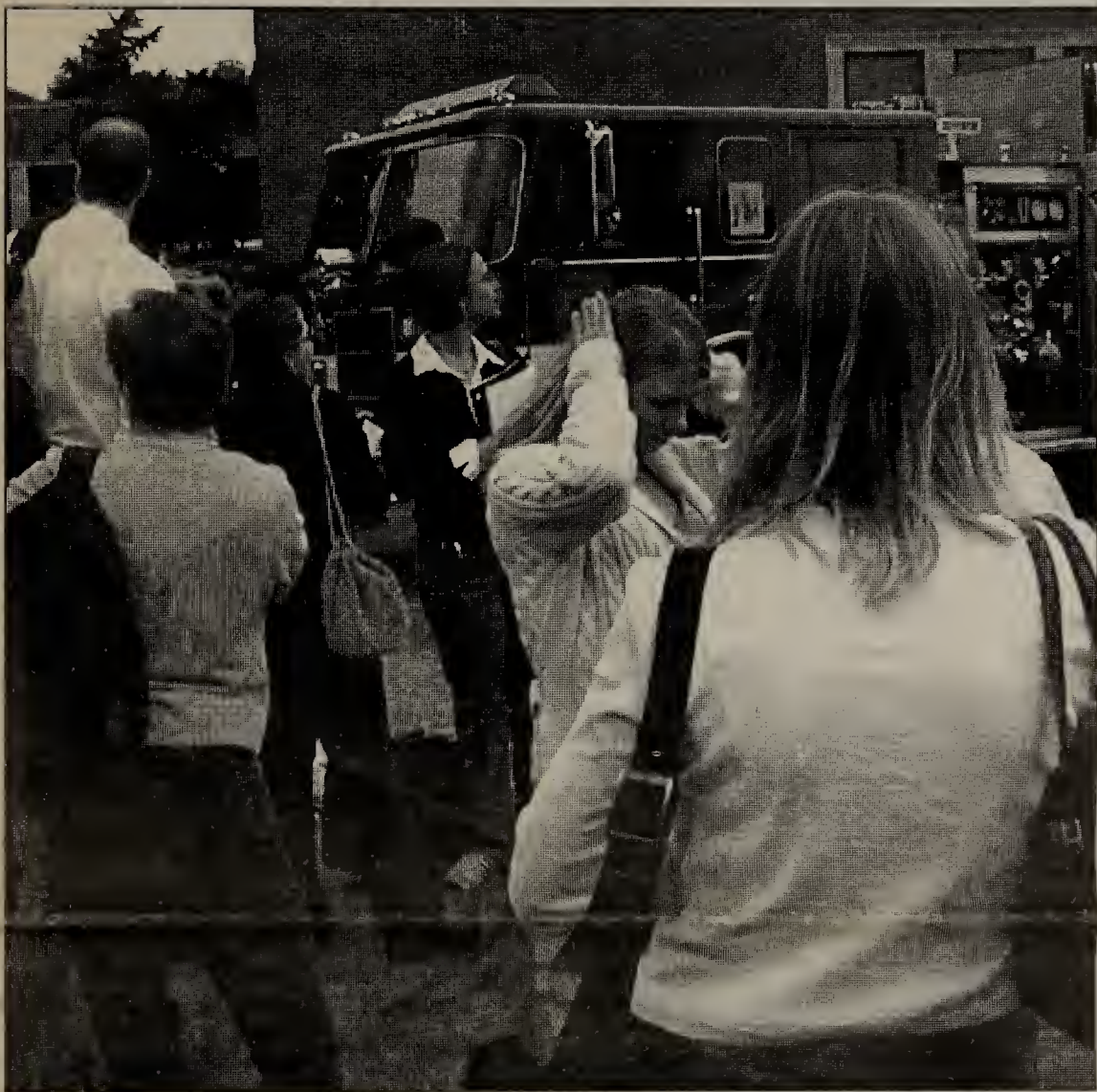
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Fire department responds to active alarm

Gyte duct sensor activated when steam introduced into new heating system



TERRIE HENDERSON
Managing editor

Last week the Gyte building was evacuated during an active fire alarm. Students lined up outside the building for approximately 20 minutes while the Hammond Fire Department checked the building to make sure it was safe.

According to a statement from the university police department, the cause of the alarm was traced to the contractors introducing the steam heating into the newly remodeled areas of the building. When the steam entered the system, it activated a duct sensor in the fire alarm system.

"During the alarm, we felt it necessary to evacuate the building until the problem was traced to its source," read the issued statement.

Tracy Tabaczynski, a senior majoring in psychology, was preparing for a test in her astronomy class when the alarm went off and the building was evacuated. She was concerned that she would not have enough time to complete the test because of the alarm.

photo by Frank Sprankle

Students waited outside Gyte during an active fire alarm while the Hammond Fire Department checked the building for safety.

"I consider myself a slow test-taker, and I was worried that if we were 5 or 10 minutes late (for the test) I'd run out of time," Tabaczynski said.

Tabaczynski said the majority of people standing outside did not know what was going on inside the building, and she heard rumors that some students had seen smoke. She said that the students who saw smoke might have just seen the steam on the second floor, which could have been easily mistaken for smoke.

Tabaczynski said that she had enough time to take her test, even with the fire alarm because the matter was resolved very quickly.

"It worked out perfect. I had my full 50 minutes to take my test," Tabaczynski said.

She said that she was glad the campus had a working fire alarm procedure and that the students were evacuated from the building until it was known for sure the building was safe.

"It didn't bother me. I'm glad they evacuated the building. Better safe than sorry," Tabaczynski said.

The university police reported that the contractors, Purdue maintenance, facilities project management and the university police are working together to troubleshoot the problem and are making the necessary adjustments.

Retention a vital part of university's Strategic Plan

Students choose Purdue for strong academics

JORDAN HESTERMANN
Entertainment Editor

Many students chose to attend PUC because of its strong academic programs. However, even though many students feel this way, the PUC strategic plan reported the student retention rate for freshmen in 2001 was only 62 percent. The six year graduation rate in 2001 was 22 percent of students.

A commitment in the PUC strategic plan is to, "retain and graduate more of our students." As written in the strategic plan, PUC will be successful when it increases both of these figures by 10 percent.

"I came to Purdue because it has a good

nursing program. I will stay as long as Purdue continues to offer an associate's program," said Gina Stanko, freshman nursing major.

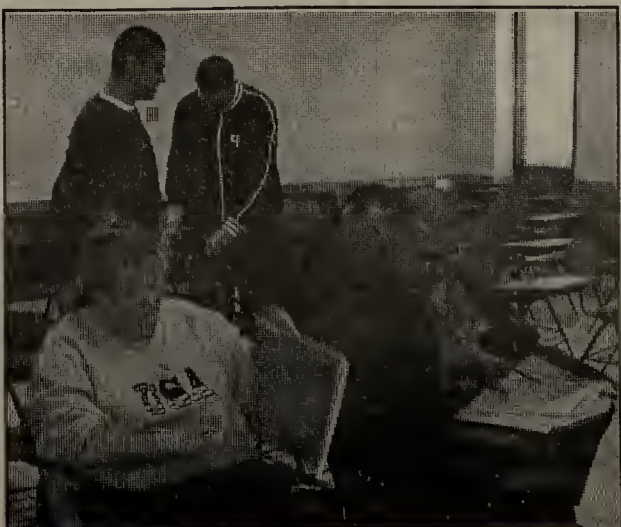
Priscilla Mireles, freshman in elementary education, said she chose Purdue because it has a better education program than anywhere else.

Andrew Barendregt, freshman, said, "I was interested in engineering and Purdue is one of the best schools around for that."

Another reason many students choose PUC is that it is more affordable than some of the other schools in the area. It is also conveniently located. According to the strategic plan, students live in the north-

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Students in Professor Nancy Johnson's MA 163 class finish a quiz and leave for the day. Student retention is a vital component to the university's strategic plan that includes such items as measuring how well students are doing in their classes, along with evaluating the effectiveness of instructors as teachers.



Teachers not able to measure impact on individuals

JORDAN HESTERMANN
Entertainment Editor

One of the problems with retention is the measurement of what students are being retained. Instructors have no way of knowing if they have an impact on individual student retention.

"The university has statistics as a whole as to who is retained. I don't know which students are staying in school because of my teaching," said Val Martinez, assistant professor of history.

Edward Perosky, academic adviser for the department of electrical engineering technology, said, "We have tried numerous things, but I'm not so certain they have worked."

Even though instructors cannot measure their own progress in student retention, they do continue to encourage students to stay in school and remind them of the importance of their education.

"I tell my students to stay in school. It doesn't matter how old or young you are, as long as you finish," said Martinez.

Perosky said, "I always try to take the students beyond the classes they are in. I try to show them where the material they are learning will be applied later on. Then they know why they are doing certain things in class."

"As teachers, we hope to impart something to students-something learned that could facilitate their lives in some practical or intrinsic manner," said Lee Rademacher, acting director of university division.

In an article written by Rademacher, "Utilizing Assessment Techniques to Monitor Student Success Using the College System Inventory (CSI)," he talks about the freshman seminar courses which are currently being offered. Freshman students are required to take a class that is an introduction to higher education. The course teaches the new college student how to set goals, get around campus, and take advantage of campus resources.

"In this course, we use Noel-Levitz's College Student Inventory (CSI) in part to mentor students to campus resources such as tutoring, counseling, help with financial aid or career research," Rademacher, said in his 2001 article "Utilizing Assessment Techniques to Monitor Student Success Using the (CSI)."

Dr. Rademacher's article talks about the importance of students continuing to assess their own abilities and success. He said students must be specific when assessing their success.

"It is important to note whether or not the student is doing something specifically proactive rather than referring to some kind of ethereal or general action that cannot be adequately measured," said Dr. Rademacher.

Perosky agree that sometimes students do not take the time, or put the energy into, building their basic skills.

"Basic classes such as math and English

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Carol Hughes

After taking time off to raise a family and assist her husband with the family business, Carol Hughes of Lowell had a plan to succeed when she returned to Purdue University Calumet in 1999.

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What's goin' on?

A look around campus

Get 'Beyond the Blues' by attending campus screening

Attend convenient, on-campus National Depression Screening Days especially for students and staff/faculty from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 7) SFLC concourse and W-Th (Oct. 8, 9) CLO lobby. Complete an individual screening then receive confidential feedback and referral as needed by members of the Counseling Center and the graduate counseling program. Obtain informational brochures, literature, and view a video regarding depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety. Professional panel presentation will take place in SFLC 150 on Th at 2:30 p.m.

The Southsiders to play for UPS Music Lunch Series

As part of the UPS Music Lunch Series, the Center for Career and Leadership Development presents The Southsiders, a local blues band, on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the SFLC Oaken Arbor Café from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Rock 'n Roll... Up Your Sleeve!

The Red Cross will be on-campus conducting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15 in Alumni Hall. Walk-ins are always welcome, but you can make an appointment online at www.calumet.purdue.edu/fitwellness/wellness or by calling the Wellness Center at 989-2709. Every donor will receive a Rock 'n Roll T-shirt!!!

Discuss 'Building Trust' with Chancellor Howard Cohen

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Faculty member Samuel Zinaich will facilitate a discussion on the book "Building Trust" by Robert Solomon and Fernando Flores. Interested students may contact the Center for Career and Leadership Development at (219) 989-2369 or visit SFLC-349 to register. Books are provided.

Campus chapter of Habitat seeks new members

Students interested in joining the PUC Habitat for Humanity Chapter may contact Gloria, the associate director for student life and activities at roldan@calumet.purdue.edu or call (219) 989-2369.

Intramural department needs floor hockey referees

The intramural department is seeking referees to officiate floor hockey Tuesday nights, starting Sept. 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, you can contact Matt Dudzik, the sports coordinator, at (219) 989-2050 or by e-mail at dudzik@calumet.purdue.edu.

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New fall semester hours begin on Sunday, Oct. 5.

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Professor Chenn Q. Zhou, strong student advocate

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Dr. Chenn Zhou, a professor of mechanical engineering was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers International.

Zhou, a Munster resident, was also awarded a \$1.29 million grant earlier this year from the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund, which she uses partially to support student research. In 1999, Zhou received the Outstanding Scholar and Outstanding Teacher awards.

"It's been an honor," Zhou said about her recent achievements. "It's because of the support of the university, my colleagues on campus and other people I've collaborated with outside, they are the major contributors."

"[Dr. Zhou] has received peer recognition from the things that she's done," said Harvey Abramowitz, professor of mechanical engineering. "Fellow engineers who understand what you're doing appreciate what you're doing," Abramowitz said.

Dr. Michael A. Gealt, dean of the school of engineering, mathematics and science, said, "A large part of how others view our department is by the reputation of the faculty. As a Fellow of ASME, [Dr. Zhou] represents the top 1 or 2 percent of all mechanical engineers. When she was awarded the grant by the Indiana 21st Century Fund, it was noted that her proposal was ranked No.1 in the state, higher than that of any other proposal from any other university."

Dreams of Teaching

When she is able to find time away from work, Zhou enjoys listening to classical music, occasionally singing karaoke and playing

sports—particularly tennis and table tennis. Zhou was a champion sprinter while attending Nanjing University of Aerospace and Aeronautics in China.

Zhou's son Jia, 17, is a senior at Munster High School, plays the piano and has performed at Carnegie Hall five times. He's also active in tennis and debate.

Zhou enjoys traveling as well. She has taken several trips to many parts of the world. She took a cruise to the South Caribbean last winter. Her most recent trip was to the East coast during the summer where she visited different universities with her son Jia Hou and her husband Harry Hou, who teaches computer and information science at the College of Dupage.

In 1984 Zhou began teaching in China. Zhou came to the United States in 1987 and earned her doctorate in 1991 from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. In 1994, after working in the industry for about 3½ years, she began teaching.

"My passion is in teaching," Zhou said. Even when she was in elementary school, Zhou wrote an essay which she remembers titling "To be a teacher is my dream." With Zhou's mother being a teacher, her family environment added to her teaching desire.

"All my teachers had a big influence on me," Zhou said. "In fact, if it wasn't for my high school teacher, I wouldn't be in engineering." Zhou said the encouragement of Mr. Xu, her high school teacher, changed her life.

Student Interactions

Zhou believes interacting with students is extremely important.

Zhou believes in spending a lot of time to motivate students and emphasizing the importance of life-long learning. She encourages her students to be critical thinkers and

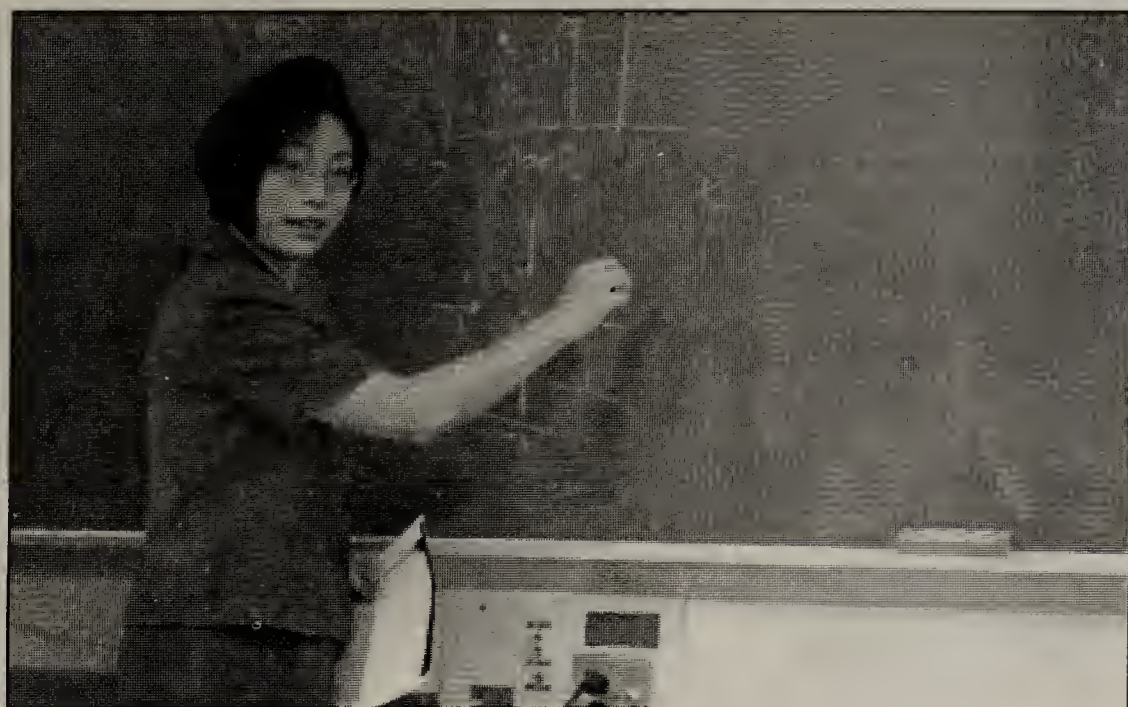


photo by Dave Thompson

Chenn Zhou explains assorted mathematical concepts of heat transfer to students in her M E 416 class last Thursday afternoon.

solve practical problems, which she says is the basis of engineering.

June Brooks, a mechanical engineering student, said, "[Professor Zhou] provides a lot of opportunities to students to interact with industry and student organizations. She helps students realize their potential and build their engineering skills."

Zhou is also the graduate coordinator of the engineering program. Since becoming coordinator, Zhou said, enrollment has more than doubled in the engineering graduate program.

Zhou said she enjoys organizing different events, not only in school but with different organizations as well—particularly within the Chinese community in Northwest Indiana.

Professor Interactions

The Student Association of Graduate Engineers was conceived by Zhou who helped students found the program. The goal of SAGE is to provide a better campus life and get a network started, which helps students find jobs.

Anil Patnala, a mechanical engineering graduate student and member of SAGE, said, "We get a chance to interact with all professors and get into different projects. SAGE helps new students with academics and campus life. SAGE is especially popular with international students."

Steve Vernengo, a mechanical engineering graduate student, said, "[Dr. Zhou] helps students gain real world experience by partnering with industries; like steel mills and Argonne [National Laboratories]."

Pantala said that Zhou is very popular with international students

and she helps students not only academically but personally as well.

"[Dr. Zhou] is bringing in what I call the 'cutting edge' to the department," said Abramowitz. "Students appreciate her ability and what she does research-wise and the rest of us do too. She's brought recognition and visibility to the school, which encourages students to come here."

Gealt said, "[Dr. Zhou] serves as a model of what our faculty can achieve."

Brooks said that Zhou does whatever is necessary to help students, including holding study sessions on weekends.

Vernengo agreed, "[Dr. Zhou's] in this for the students and goes out of her way to help students get good grades and graduate. She expects a lot from her students and I think students get a lot out of her classes."

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Safety drills would help prepare campus for real emergencies

Students, faculty, staff and the university police handled the active fire alarm in very orderly and professional manner last week. Shortly after 9:30 a.m., steam from the renovation project activated the fire alarm, and everyone had to evacuate the building. The building was evacuated very quickly thanks to the leadership of the instructors and the cooperation of the students. Also, the university police and Hammond fire department responded very quickly to the situation. The building was inspected in a very timely fashion, and class time was not disrupted very much during the alarm.

Also, the university police issued a statement over the E-mail to faculty and staff right away, explaining the situation and letting everyone know that everything had been resolved and there was no need for concern.

Even though students and faculty did not know what was going on while they were standing outside waiting for the building to be inspected, the behavior of the students was commendable. They stood and talked about classes and what they thought might have happened in the building, but remained calm and collected, despite the fact the temperature outside was a little bit colder than usual.

Although the alarm turned out to be a false alarm, it is comforting to know that if there was a fire in the building, the alarm would sound automatically and the university police and the fire department would respond so quickly. It is also reassuring to know that students and faculty know the importance of timeliness and orderliness when the alarm sounds.

The campus did a good job overall in this situation, but we should have random fire drills in case an emergency ever does occur. Even one drill a semester would prepare students and faculty in case of a real fire and familiarize them with the fastest route out of the building. Many times, instructors teach in different rooms every semester, and students rarely have a class in the same room. This may be a little extreme, and possibly even juvenile, but safety is important and if fire drills would prevent people from getting hurt in case of a real alarm, it is necessary and should definitely be considered as something that should be implemented by the university.

Also, students should be told on the first day of class, whether verbally or in a hand out, the safest and fastest evacuation route for their classroom. It would not take much time, and the first day of class is usually an introduction to the course anyway. Why not acquaint the students to the course material and plans for the class, but safety concerns as well?



Chartwells has excelled in friendly service



TERRIE HENDERSON
Managing Editor

The Chartwells workers in the CLO Grab and Go and the Oaken Arbor Café are always friendly and ready to give you a penny if you need it. The workers are unbelievably wonderful at customer relations. They go the extra mile to make sure their customers are satisfied. There are many times when they try to give you back exact change by throwing in a penny for you, and they are willing to give you an extra dressing or extra crackers for your soup and salad.

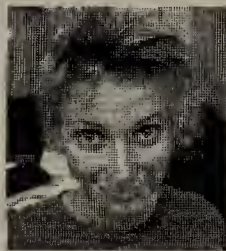
And the prices are reasonable as well. Without any real competition within the school for food, besides the vending machines, the prices have not skyrocketed and are comparable to places like Subway and definitely cheaper than places like Quiznos and Panera Bread. The food is always fresh and usually they have a broad selection of food to offer. Both also offer vegetarian meals as well, which also shows that they are sensitive to the needs of students and faculty when it comes time for lunch.

Both have reasonable hours as well. They stay open all day and even on Friday, when there are comparatively less students and faculty on campus than during the rest of the week. Although it would be really great if they would stay open during the night classes too, it is understandable that they don't. Unfortunately, night students don't have the convenience of patronizing either the CLO Grab and Go or the Oaken Arbor Café. The Oaken Arbor Café is very clean, thanks to all the careful attention that is given to the tables, chair and floors. It's comfortable for students to talk, eat and do homework in.

I do have a small complaint about the CLO Grab and Go though; there should be a few chairs around the tall tables. It seems almost wasteful to have such nice tables and no chairs for people to sit on. I understand the reasoning for the lack of chairs, and that is that it is intended for students to 'grab' their food and 'go' to class, but usually, especially if I get soup or something a little bit messy, I'd like to sit down for ten minutes to eat it. I'd like to see some chairs, in addition to the tables. I think students would appreciate being able to sit down to eat. It is true that students who want to sit down to eat only have to walk over to the lounge area to find a table and chair, and I do that if this situation arises. A quick spot to wolf down the excellent swiss and turkey on wheat and hustle to the classes would be phenomenal. The CLO Grab and Go is relatively new and a good idea, because now students don't have to walk across campus for a bite to eat, especially if all their classes are in the classroom office building.

The recent expansion to the menu is time-efficient and great tasting with the new fruit and yogurt smoothies. They fill you up in between classes and there's no concern for the dribble of soup on your chin.

Working class by birth, Cal student by choice



NATALIE WAHLBERG
Staff Writer

As Purdue Calumet students, we've heard the spiel about how much fun the 'big Purdue' is from the kids who had too much of a good thing. Partying all the time, hanging out until whenever and bumming cash off parents; that sounds great.

But I don't mind. I like it here. I'm proud to work my 35-hour a week job, drive the 45 minutes to go to my six classes then go home and study, knowing I will do it again everyday until December.

It's the real world, love it or leave it. I prefer to become an adult while my southern campus peers are living it up, kegger style. I believe that school teaches balance, however unfair it seems now. As I'm slipping into sleep with my head on my Spanish book, I think that this is a great learning experience and I will be glad for not only my million-dollars-a-year career, but for the all the crap I went through to earn it. This school was built for working class kids by working class adults. Being a part of this school environment has given me more than an academic education; it's passed on the genuine portrayal of life. I stay up late, get up early and have no illusions that these repetitions are actually the way it works.

Even though I have never graced Lafayette's campus, I can only imagine that it's an extension of high school. The jocks in one corner, snobs in another and punks on the outskirts, same as before. The attention of the school background is pulled away from education and refocused on the trivial drama of who-slept-with-who at last weekend's big party. When most of the population of Lafayette converges, it's a smorgasbord of newly found freedom, hormones and access to beer. As their student body trudges to class to a 9 a.m. class, hung over yet carefree, I've been at the gym, picked up my sister and driven to school to hunt down a parking spot.

The surrealism of an away-campus is seductive; few rules, no parents and lack of accountability. The concrete beneath the glamour is Purdue Calumet; long drives, lots of homework and no all-night campus-wide bashes. The lifelong friendship that accosts any moviegoer is Hollywood fluff, as the backdrop for meeting really cool people is inevitably a dorm-enclosed concourse. In utilizing this commuter college, I have met amazing people and the combination of the lessons taught by teachers, peers and work experience has impressed an entirely different perspective. I have become more in tune with the daily grind than I would have hanging out and waiting in line for a plastic cup, before attempting to cram for a chemistry midterm. To quote Last Resort, "We're all street kids, just the same. Working class kids, got no shame." I'm proud to be a piece of the Calumet pie, because I'm sweeter for having gone through all the trials of a non-filtered real world.

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help students get ready for further study. Once a student has these basics and gets excited about learning, they will want to continue coming to class," said Perosky.

As much as instructors are a responsible part of the learning process, the students are even more responsible for their own learning. If students are having trou-

ble learning, they need to seek out help. This way they will continue to go to school.

"It is often times the students that do not have the basic skills, such as math, that end up dropping out of school. Students must work toward fixing those skills. They must also continue to give us [instructors] feedback so we can know how to assist the students better," said Perosky.

Students

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west corner of Indiana, within easy reach of the campus.

"Purdue is right down the street from where I live," said Christian Ellis, third year CIS major.

James Akintonde, junior psychology major said, "I attended Harold Washington in Aurora. This is closer to mo my house, cheaper and the academics are cool."

Students have positive things to say about PUC's academics, location, and tuition rates, however there is still a low retention rate. Another goal in the strategic plan is to increase the number of full time instructors and reduce the number of part time instructors. The quality of instructors is always a concern of students that may affect student retention.

"Most of the professors and classes are pretty good. However, [PUC] needs to make sure they have teachers that want to be here," said Melissa Wacker, third year nursing and criminal justice major.

"A lot of the teachers are good here. There are some bad ones, but there are good ones and bad ones anywhere you go," said Ellis.

Barendregt said his instructors all seem pretty good, but he would prefer all instructors to be full time instructors.

Other improvements students would like to see in order to improve student retention are: an increase in places to congregate, more information about clubs on campus, and parking space.

"We could use a better game room. The game room is not really a part of academics, but it is a place where students can congregate. Students miss out on some of the college experience this way and it makes them not want to stay," said Akintonde.

"I don't know if there is a Latino Club on campus, but it would help to make me stay at Purdue if there were," Mireles said.

"Purdue definitely needs more parking. Parking is always a problem.

This is part one of a two part article. See next week's retention article to see what instructors and staff feel should be done to increase the student retention rate.



photo by Donna George

Above: Santa takes a ride in a bi-plane.

Left: Santa and pilot Brian Olaffson of Kankakee greet the waiting crowd at "Pilots with Presents" hosted by Griffith Aviation.

Donna George
Chief copy editor

Several members of the public relations club volunteered recently at "Pilots with Presents." The Salvation Army teamed up with Griffith Aviation for a toy drive to benefit the Salvation Army's Angel Tree pro-

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Coinslot: On the money

LAURIE EDWARDS
Staff Writer

If you're looking for a new age modern band, Coinslot is definitely the band you should seek out. I got the opportunity to listen to their CD titled "We The Cheese" and I must say, I'm impressed. Their style is like no other with amazing vocals and notable music. Coinslot places themselves above the rest. With Jessica Franco belting out the vocals, Pete Wojcinski playing the bass, Tom Conley on Guitar, and Jim Huneryager pounding the drums, their unity is overwhelming. Both Huneryager and Wojcinski have known each other since preschool and have remained friends ever since. Wojcinski then met Franco at Bishop Noll and they were instantly convinced that she would be the one with the dynamic voice. And Huneryager and Conley became friends due to the fact that Conley had lived only two floors below Huneryager when he attended Indiana University. Because they are such good friends, writing songs came easy to them. As well as recording a CD and practicing routinely, some of the members also attend college and proving that they are not only talented but that they also are disciplined.

Huneryager, a current PUC student, is waiting until January before going back to Indiana University because he hopes to attend Vancouver Film School for screen writing. Wojcinski hopes to move as well in January and attend IPFW in Fort

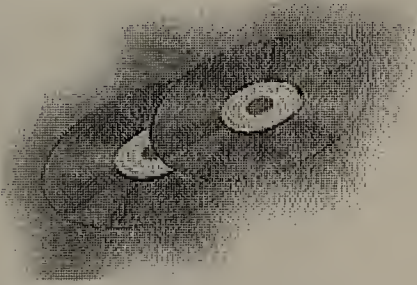
Wayne, Ind. Franco is currently working as a singer, actress and model, and Conley is pursuing a history degree.

If you're interested in seeing Coinslot perform, (and I recommend it!) check out the Highland Battle of the Bands, Nov. 1 at the Lincoln Center (East of 41 on Lincoln St.) If you want to see them, this is your only chance as of yet! I give Coinslot high marks for their music as well as their dedication. They have, without a doubt, received four stars from me.

Coinslot



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CONCERT JUNKIE:

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS



JORDAN HESTERMANN
Entertainment Editor

Do you remember that commercial where they asked the kids what they wanted to do when they grew up? Then at the end of the commercial a man's voice said, "No one ever says they want to be a junkie when they grow up." Ever since that commercial I have continued to make jokes about how I want to be a junkie when I grow up. Do you know what happened? I became a junkie, but not in the sense you are thinking. I am a "concert junkie."

I love going to concerts. I spend any extra money I have on concerts and I go to any concerts I can. Even if I don't like the band or the singer, I will see the concert anyway if given a ticket. So, that is what I am doing in this column, sharing my concert experiences with you, rather than just giving a review of the band.

On Sept. 19, I saw the Red Hot Chili Peppers at the Tweeter Center in Tinley Park. This was actually my second time at a Red Hot Chili Peppers show. The last time I saw them was at a Q101 Jamboree in 1999, I think. I have been waiting ever since for the RHCP to come back to Chicago. For some reason though, they have not been back to Chicago since that show. So, you can imagine my excitement about seeing them.

Before the concert, I picked up my friend Tricia and headed to the concert. We got there early and had pretty decent parking. (Tip from the concert junkie: take the back roads to the Tweeter Center and park in the back, you will get out of the lot much faster.) As we headed into the theater we could hear the sounds of the opening band, French Toast. Tricia and I commented on how they were pretty decent. After fighting through the "we're almost drunk" crowd to get to out seats we realized that French Toast is only a two person band, pretty impressive in our opinion.

Not long after French Toast exited the stage, Queens of the Stone Age came out and began their performance. The only thing I had heard them do before I saw them was the one song that has some radio play and is shown on MTV. I'm not a big fan so I usually turn that song off. I did find them interesting to see in person though. They have three different people singing. The bass player sang for a little while, then I guess what would be the "lead singer," and then some other guy came out and sang a few songs. He came out for two or three songs, disappeared, came out again, and again disappeared, not to be seen again during the show. I'm not really sure who this guy was. My theory is that maybe he was just a friend of the band's that they allowed out on stage for a couple of songs, lack of material or something. I'm just joking, the band was actually pretty good. The three singers thing was actually pretty cool.

After the Queens of the Stone Age set we waited a while for the Red Hot Chili Peppers to start. Tricia headed out for her third \$7 beer. That's right, \$7 at the Tweeter Center. I don't drink at concerts, but even if I did, I would not pay \$7 for one beer.

Tricia missed the start of the Red Hot Chili Peppers for that \$7 beer. They came out and they were absolutely awesome. Anthony Kiedis was jumping around and all over the stage, Flea was his normal crazy self, John Frusciante was, well, gorgeous, playing the guitar, and Chad Smith was outrageous on the drums.

Tricia talked about how great John Frusciante was during the whole concert. I think she fell in love or something. The woman behind me was screaming every five seconds, trying to lean as far over the back of my seat as she could. Maybe she thought she was somehow getting closer. The best part was the high school boys in front of us playing air guitar and singing to each other. After all of this, how could you not want to be a junkie?

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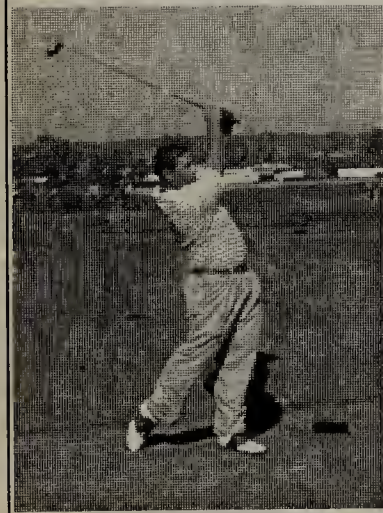
Don't bring the 'Woods' to North Hammond

Lost Marsh offers 18-hole championship golf course, other recreational facilities



Photos by Dave Thompson

Above: Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Lost Marsh grand opening on Sept. 20 is Jim Davis Sr. (President of Hammond Redevelopment Commission), State Senator Frank Mrvan, Dave Dabertain (President of local citizens advisory board), Hammond Mayor Duane Dedelow Jr., Roland Beckham (Building and Construction Trades Council), and Louis Karubas (Redevelopment Commission).



Left: Local golfer utilizes driver on one of the few holes where a bigger club can be effective.

DAVE THOMPSON
Online Editor

For many years, a 330-acre area in North Hammond at Calumet Avenue and 129th Street was considered a dumping ground for local industry. Trash dumped in that area included slag, a byproduct of making steel, and other items including worn tires and car parts.

These days, Whiting resident Kevin Coleman, a steelworker at U.S. Steel in Gary, considers that area home to the most difficult 18-hole golf course he has ever played. Coleman was at the official grand opening of the Lost Marsh Environmental-Recreation Area recently and toured the 18-hole championship golf course.

"This course would give even Tiger Woods fits," Coleman said.

Coleman believes that there are plenty of challenges on this course that could give golfers trouble. Among the challenges at this course are narrow fairways, marshes, bunkers and water hazards. He also believes that for most holes, you wouldn't be able to use Big Bertha or other drivers that golfers have in their club selections. The only holes on which Coleman felt that a golfer could utilize a driver are the 9th hole, a par-4 ranging from 322 yards to 454 yards, and the 18th hole, another par-4 ranging from 380 yards to 445 yards.

"He will be highly impressed with this course," Coleman said, referring again to Tiger Woods.

Sam Senn, an environmental consultant from Bascor Environmental, Inc. who spoke at the grand opening ceremonies,

agreed with Coleman's sentiments about the course. Senn considered the 12th hole, a par-4 ranging from 292 yards to 474 yards that includes two water hazards (one closer to the tee and the other closer to the green) and bunkers surrounding the green the signature hole of the course.

"This course is not long, but you have to be very precise with your shots," Senn said.

Both Coleman and Senn agreed that a very tough hole at Lost Marsh was the 13th hole, a par-5 ranging from 345 yards to 510 yards. That hole has the golfer shooting over three different water hazards before reaching the green.

While Senn believes the course might be too short for the PGA tour, he thinks the LPGA tour might play there at a future date. In addition, Senn felt that PUC could use Lost Marsh as a facility if they develop a golf program. He described the facility as being good for both high school and college teams to practice and play on.

In addition to the 18-hole championship golf course, the \$33 million facility includes a 9-hole youth course as well as the Hammond Youth Golf Academy. The academy is a charter member of the First Tee program of the World Golf Foundation.

There are offerings for non-golfers as well at Lost Marsh, including biking and nature trails, fishing, bird watching, and in the winter months, cross-country skiing, sledding, and ice-skating.

For more information about Lost Marsh Environmental-Recreation Area, call (219) 932-GOLF or visit their web site at <http://www.lostmarsh.com>.

Creatures of darkness collide in 'Underworld'

TERRENCE ISBELL
Movie Critic

For all of you that have been waiting patiently for a movie to combine your favorite creatures of the night, vampires and werewolves, your wait is over. Like chocolate and peanut butter before it, someone finally decided to take two classics and merge them together for our movie going enjoyment in the film known as "Underworld." Before viewing this film, I pretty much had the same thought pattern as everyone else. "Oh, man...I get to see vamps AND werewolves go at it for a full two hours? Thank you, powers that be!!!" True enough, they do go at it, and it does look good, but somewhere along they lost their way.

"Underworld" is one of those movies that could be fitted into the all style, no substance

category, even though it tries its best to bring that substance to the surface. Originally its storyline was supposed to be a take on Romeo and Juliet, with a female vampire and a male werewolf, that fall in love with each other although their clans and covens are engaged in a centuries old battle. It's a very interesting concept for a film, regardless of the lawsuit filed by the creators of the Vampire: the Masquerade and Werewolf: The Apocalypse role playing game. The thing that makes it fall short is the execution, though. Watching the action scenes in this movie will slowly begin to remind you immediately of The Matrix, The Crow, Blade and a few of the bad guys in Charlie's Angels, you get the idea. It's not fair to immediately compare this movie to others, but the similarities are there. Last time I checked, vampires and werewolves were immensely powerful immortals

that didn't need to bust out guns to take on their enemies, only their fangs and/or claws. It would've been a little cooler to have them fight their battles during the turn of the 15th century or something like that to give it a different feel, to be honest.

Since the plot pretty much explains itself, there are a few things about vampires and werewolves that if you weren't aware of, the movie gladly fills you in on. As far as vampires go: 1) They have no real physical strength (except until they get older) and must resort to automatic weapons to take down werewolves. 2) When you're a vampire, you MUST dress in gothic old world attire and sit around your mansion sipping blood from your wine glass, except when it's time to fight, then you can sport the tight leather "Trinity" outfits. 3) Although immortal, it's possible to bleed to death

When it comes to the lycans: 1) Silver bullets cause convulsions. 2) While the vampires act like upper class Euro, you get the comfort of relaxing in an underground sewage lair, constantly honing your skills. 3) Although you're technically stronger than vampires, they still have the means to make you their willing servants.

Kate Beckinsale of Pearl Harbor and Scott Speedman of Felicity are the two characters at the heart of the whole vampire/werewolf romance, and although the movie doesn't require them to do more than react to each other and to the fights around them, they do an all right job. The rest of the cast is pretty much made up of people acting like vampires who are trying way too hard to be Goths, and people acting like werewolves who, thanks to computer graphics, don't really have to do all that much acting.

"Underworld" is a movie a lot of fans have been waiting for, and with the exception of a few decent parts, will force those fans to sadly keep waiting.



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Cocked, locked and ready to rock, Selene prepares for her battle with the werewolves.



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Kate Beckinsale of Pearl Harbor, plays the beautiful vampire Selene as she confronts a new type of horror in "Underworld."

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THE SPRANKLE CONFINES

For better or worse, the Bears soldier on



FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

It's not a dome and the location is not two blocks away, but it still might not be the worst scenario. The last decade, especially under the Monday night lights, has had the Packers on a high while the Bears simply say die.

Once again the Bears and Packers will add another chapter to their "black and blue" rivalry Monday at 8 p.m. on ABC Sports. Only this time, the tradition of past characters that have seen the line of scrimmage match ups from Bart Starr vs. Dick Butkus to today of Brett Favre vs. Brian Urlacher goes state-of-the-art.

After tonight the speculation, the politics and the wait will officially be over. The new stadium, which is surrounded by the historical columns dedicated to World War I veterans, has a seating capacity of 61,500, 133 luxury boxes and two 84-foot video screens.

Attractive on the inside, strange on the outside, but it will be respectable.

A 49-7 week one loss to the 49ers was the Bears' worst opening week start in 35 years. The following week was a better effort, but a defeat to the Vikings. The Bears are 0-2, the news anything but good.

So what does it take to turn the chemistry around? How about an offensive line that's going to make Kordell Stewart feel more welcomed. Or maybe a coach that does not agree with his offensive coordinator on suicide calls on third down and long. Why not bring in a general manager that is going to keep the essentials, including a linebacker and a big defensive tackle, which helped bring joy to everyone two short seasons ago.

The grand re-opening of Soldier Field is the Bears' only appearance on Monday Night Football this year. They made three last year, including a loss to the Packers at Memorial Stadium. Now they return to the lakefront and on the same foundation that Butkus and Sayers ended their careers and where Walter Payton surpassed Jim Brown to become then the NFL's all-time leading rusher in 1984. But the following year, the Bears shuffled to a 15-1 record and two consecutive playoff shutouts, leading up to Super Bowl dominance.

It's been a long vision, but the Bears have the home field they desired. The elements of lake effect snow and cold are back, but are the monsters? That course could easily be determined tonight.

Soft balls ease the pain in prison-style dodge ball

JIM DRZEWIECKI
Staff Writer

In many high schools, students have found themselves fending off 70 mph volleyballs. That was the harsh reality of dodge ball.

Matt Dudzik, sports coordinator for PUC, finds himself fending off the image of those same volleyballs, the image that has kept attendance down for intramural dodge ball. He wants people to finally get the message. His brand of dodge ball is different.

Dudzik introduced prison-style dodge ball to the intramural lineup last year. There are several changes from the traditional high school game, but among the biggest is the use of softer dodge balls.

"I think a lot of people have bad nightmares of grade school," Dudzik said, who credits those same memories with keeping potential players away. "They need to come out and just watch and see."

"They can see the balls for themselves, throw them, practice with them, and see how soft they are."

The softer dodge balls mean that no matter who is throwing, chances are the ball won't hurt. Because of this, the games are

co-ed friendly, and the chances for injuries have been minimized.

"It's just so people don't get hurt," Dudzik said. "Some people get out of hand and throw it too hard."

Safety becomes especially important under prison rules. A player can easily be blindsided by the defeated opponents who are put in the "prison," located behind their opponent's zone. Getting hit from behind becomes likely and if volleyballs were used, a player could easily get injured.

Instead, dodge balls that are every bit as soft as a "Nerf" ball are employed. Todd Helfen, a junior and regular at the weekly dodge ball contests, says it doesn't detract from the fun.

"It's a fun game," Helfen said. "This is painless. You can neither catch nor throw this as well as a volleyball, but it makes for better dodging. I can get out some frustrations, run around a bit, and see how bad my arm is."

Last year, the average attendance for dodge ball was 20 to 25 people, according to Dudzik. This year he's hoping to get around 30 each Wednesday night for the pick-up games.

To help that goal become a reality, he teamed up with Amiee Lee, Smoke Free Calumet and group representative, to advertise



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Opening night of intramural dodge ball was also a night of awareness to promote a Smoke Free Calumet.

the first night. Lee spent most of the night passing out T-shirts and other goodies to dodge ball participants.

"It ought to get a lot of people out here," Dudzik said.

According to Lee, the partnership will help get the word out for both Dudzik and for Smoke Free Calumet.

"By offering prizes, we thought it might increase participation," Lee said. "Our focus is to inform the campus of the new smoking policy and the dangers of second-hand smoke."

"We sponsored this to promote the opportunity for students, faculty and staff to socialize in a smoke-free environment, and possibly recruit members for a student coalition."

Sophomore Jaime Blakeley said the first night of dodge ball was good exercise and "definitely well advertised," noting that he had seen the flyers throughout campus.

"Besides, you get free t-shirts," he added. "What could be better?"

ESPN tackles life on and off the gridiron in 'Playmakers'

SCOTT C. GUFFEY
Staff Writer

This football season, ESPN is treating fans of the sport to a new dramatic series, "Playmakers." I initially watched this series expecting a drama about a team's fight to win a season of football. What I got was a glorified soap opera that uses all of the off-the-field nonsense that newsrooms salivate over. The problem, as a ravenous football fan and viewer of dramatic series, is I have become addicted to this particular soap opera.

Let's do a quick run-down of the characters on the show. They have the new star running back of the team, a rookie named Demetrius Harris (played by Omar Gooding). He's from the ghetto and has a

big-time crack problem. His rival is Leon Taylor (Russell Hornsby), a veteran running back who lost his job to the star rookie. Taylor assaulted his wife and had an affair with a reporter. Linebacker Eric Olczyk (Jason Matthew Smith) has mental problems because his father, a coach, ran Olczyk's brother so hard in a practice that he died. The quarterback is addicted to painkillers, the kicker needs to keep his job to support a large family and the coach is constantly battling the owner while putting off surgery for his urinary tract problem. That's a whole lot of internal problems for one single football team. A large suspension of disbelief is necessary to get into this show.

All of this drama makes for some interesting story telling on the small screen. "Playmakers"

has tapped into an unused source of tales straight from the dirt that ESPN broadcasts throughout the year in its headlines. NFL players like Rae Carruth, Mark Chmura, and Bill Romanowski have all been in the news for wrongdoing, and this show taps into those plots. A current storyline of the show involving a nightclub shooting is very similar to Ray Lewis' story from a few years back. I wouldn't be surprised if a defamation of character lawsuit popped up.

"Playmakers" also taps into another new trend popping up on basic cable channels lately. In an effort to lure the adult viewers who enjoy HBO staples like "The Sopranos" and "Sex in the City," a few basic cable networks have turned to adding coarse language and partial nudity to their programming.

Like FX's "The Shield" and "Nip/Tuck," ESPN has opted for the trashy method of drawing the viewing public. I'm not sure it really adds anything to the show itself, except to make it difficult for parents to watch it with their kids around.

The show will appeal to fans of football, but it may also appeal to those looking for a little adult drama in their nightly mixture. Mixing tried and true soap opera plots with fresh material provided by real-life delinquent athletes, ESPN has succeeded in piquing my interest. It's not quite what I expected, but I can't wait to see what the next episode offers.

New episodes of "Playmakers" air on the ESPN network on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

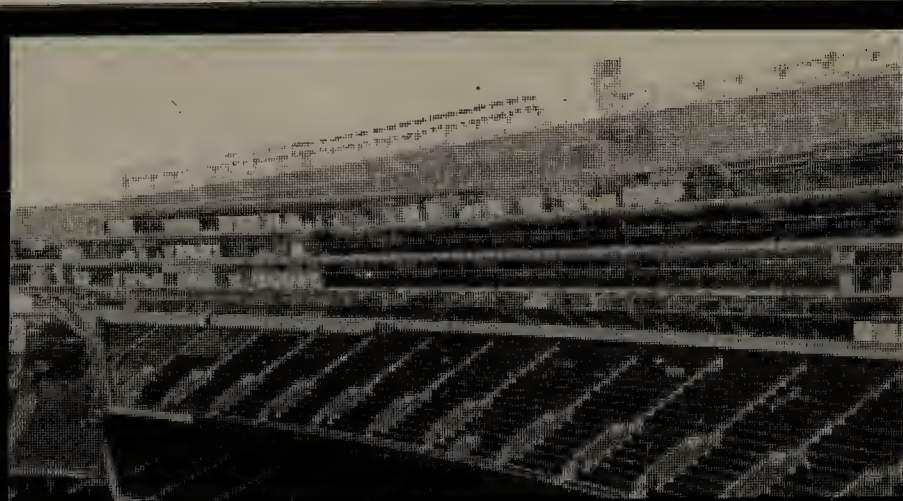


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The much anticipated renovations to Soldier Field will be unveiled during The Bears' Monday night football game against The Packers.